

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USNATO 00555 181633Z
ACTION ACDA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 ACDE-00 SOE-02 AF-10
ARA-10 CIAE-00 DODE-00 EA-10 PM-05 H-01 INR-07
L-03 NASA-01 NEA-10 NSAE-00 NSC-05 OIC-02 SP-02
PA-01 PRS-01 DOE-11 OES-07 SS-15 USIA-06 /147 W
-----044691 181834Z /44

P 181622Z JAN 78
FM USMISSION USNATO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8795
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY VIENNA
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 00555

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS:
SUBJECT: US/UK CONSULTATIONS ON THE SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT (SSOD)

SUMMARY: UK DISARMAMENT OFFICIALS MALLABY AND BURNS
REVIEWED PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH SSOD PREPCOM WITH
FLOWERREE AND HIRSCH BEFORE NATO POLADS MEETING. MAIN
SUBJECTS OF THE DISCUSSION WERE THE EC-9 JAN 16 DISARMAMENT
CONSULTATION IN COPENHAGEN, THE UK DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION,
THINKING RE A POSSIBLE INITIATIVE ON SECURITY ASSURANCES,
FRENCH PLANNING FOR THE SSOD, AND THE LEVEL OF REPRESENT-
ATION AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. UK OUTLINED AT EC-9 MEETING IN COPENHAGEN ON JAN.16 ITS
VIEWS ON POSSIBLE REFORM OF CCD STRUCTURE AS PER THEIR
PREVIOUS PRESENTATION TO US, BUT STRESSED THAT THESE WERE
ONLY PRELIMINARY IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION BY WESTERN GROUP
IN ADVANCE OF MORE PRECISE READING OF WHAT NON-ALIGNED
WILL PROPOSE IN THEIR PROGRAM OF ACTION. FRENCH SAID THEY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USNATO 00555 181633Z

COULD NOT AGREE TO PROPOSAL FURTHER CONSOLIDATING POSITION
OF EE COUNTRIES, SINCE ALL OF WP ALREADY IS IN CCD, WHILE
WEST WOULD REMAIN ONLY PARTLY REPRESENTED. FRG OBJECTED
TO ROTATION IDEA; THEY THEMSELVES WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO
ROTATE. ITALIANS SUGGESTED POSSIBLE TWO-TIER ARRANGEMENT
OF 20 PERMANENT (INCLUDING ALL PERMANENT MEMBERS OF S.C.)
AND 20 NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS.

2. WE INDICATED OUR CONTINUING FLEXIBILITY ON THE FUTURE OF THE CCD, AND OUR PREFERENCE TO KNOW NON-ALIGNED THINKING BEFORE TAKING ANY DECISION ON POSSIBLE PROPOSAL. WE ALSO EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CONSULTATIONS ON CCD REFORM WITH THE SOVIETS. MALLABY ADDED THAT UK WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT OBSERVER STATUS AT CCD FOR INTERESTED COUNTRIES, AND AGREED WITH US THAT IN PRACTICE RELATIVELY FEW COUNTRIES WOULD BE INTERESTED.

3. UK DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION. BASED ON COPENHAGEN AND NATO DISCUSSION, UK INTENDS TO REVISE THEIR DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION (SEE SEPTEL ON POLADS MEETING) AND TO CIRCULATE IT TO WESTERN DELS IN NEW YORK FOR DISCUSSION AT BARTON GROUP MEETING ON JANUARY 23. ITALY AND FRG DELS ALREADY HAVE INDICATED READINESS TO CO-SPONSOR IT. UK HOPES ENOUGH SUPPORT WILL DEVELOP SO THAT THIS PAPER WILL REPLACE CANADIAN/DUTCH/NORWEGIAN/AUSTRALIAN DRAFT, AND BE INTRODUCED EARLY IN SSOD PREPCOM IV AS WESTERN PROGRAM OF ACTION. WE INDICATED GENERALLY THAT TEXT SEEMED ACCEPTABLE, BUT WOULD WANT TO REVIEW IT FURTHER IN WASHINGTON. WE ALSO ENCOURAGED QUICK ACTION IN NEW YORK IF UK DRAFT IS TO BE BASIS FOR WESTERN POSITION IN NEGOTIATIONS AT SSOD PREPCOM.

4. FRENCH PLANNING FOR SSOD. MISTRAL TOLD EC-9 THAT GOF WILL TAKE SOME OF ITS DECISIONS ON SSOD THIS WEEK,
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 USNATO 00555 181633Z

AND THAT TAITTINGER INTENDS TO HOLD NUMBER OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN EUROPE NEXT WEEK. MALLABY BELIEVES THAT AT THIS STAGE FRENCH PROBABLY WILL OUTLINE ONLY GENERAL PRINCIPLES, AND DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROPOSALS LATER ON .

5. SECURITY ASSURANCES. MALLABY SAID UK MORE AND MORE FAVORS INITIATIVE ON SECURITY ASSURANCES AT SSOD. FLOWERREE SAID IT ALSO AMONG THE MORE SIGNIFICANT OF THE POSSIBILITIES WE ARE EXAMINING. MALLABY REQUESTED US/UK CONSULTATIONS TO COORDINATE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE, AFTER WHICH -- HE SUGGESTED -- US AND UK COULD WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH AND SOVIETS. MALLABY SAID BRITISH ARE FLEXIBLE ON HOW THIS COULD BE DONE.

6. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT THE SSOD. MALLABY NOTED IT IS ALREADY CLEAR THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OWEN WILL ATTEND THE SSOD, BUT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD DO SO. LORD GOROWNY-ROBERTS WILL BE AT SSOD PART OF THE TIME. DEL ALSO WILL INCLUDE UK CCD REP ASHE AND UN PERMREP IVOR RICHARD.

PHILLIP NOEL BAKER, DISTINGUISHED UK FIGURE IN DISARMAMENT
FIELD, NOW IN HIS 80S MAY BE A PUBLIC MEMBER.

7. THE ROLE OF NGOS AT THE SSOD. BRITISH NGOS HAVE
INDICATED INTEREST IN GIVING TESTIMONY/VIEWS IN SOME FORUM
AT THE SSOD. UK HAS ALREADY SPONSORED SEVERAL BRIEFINGS/
DISCUSSIONS WITH NGOS ON THE SSOD. WE INFORMED THEM OF
OUR PLANS FOR NGO MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 11.
GLITMAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DISARMAMENT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978USNATO00555
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780027-0332
Format: TEL
From: USNATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780148/aaaabobe.tel
Line Count: 124
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: b0f33be2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ACDA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3751212
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: US/UK CONSULTATIONS ON THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) SUMMARY: UK DISARMAMENT OFFICIALS MALLABY AND BU
TAGS: PARM, US, UK
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/b0f33be2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014